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(Enclosure to memorandum to DCI, dated 19 June,
Subject: Report to the NIA)

I. Progress since February 1947.

1. Coordination of Requirements. a. Since February, CIG has surveyed agencies with national security functions to determine their needs for intelligence material. Contacts have included outside agencies (such as JROB, JIS, and FBI) as well as IAB members. Requirements have been screened to eliminate duplication, and to establish priorities in seven stages from urgent down to standard without deadline. Requirements have been satisfied by directed collection programs and by dissemination regulated specifically to meet requirements. While the resulting reports furnished are not statistically numerous, they represent the most important element of GHI activity and the solution of the most difficult problems. Since February, ^{more than 500} ~~181~~/specific requests have been fulfilled. CIG is currently working on 213 requests from outside agencies as well as 376 specific requests originated within CIG. These are worked on by field representatives of outside agencies as well as CIG's ^{own} field representatives. CIG's ^{own} requests for specific collection services by outside agencies have increased from about 80 a month during February to more than 200 a month currently.

b. At the completion of each directed project, the original requester has been asked whether the service was satisfactory and timely. In more than 95% of all cases since February, the requester has been fully satisfied and in all other cases appropriate follow-up has been established to assure necessary additional action.

2. Coordination of Collection. a. Instructions to implement NIA Directive No. 7 on "Coordination of Collection Activities," were transmitted by State and War Departments to their field representatives during February 1947. These

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directives amplified the following basic principles:

(1) The assignment of specific field collection responsibilities by allocation to NIA member departments of broad subject categories based upon their respective functional interests.

(2) The designation of the senior U.S. representative in each foreign area where the U.S. maintains a foreign service post as the official responsible for coordinating the collection activities there.

h. This was followed up by the sending of OGD representatives to military attaché conferences in Panama and in Frankfurt, during January and May, respectively, as well as to the naval attaché conference in London during June. These representatives amplified the principles of coordination in detail by presenting it personally to the field representatives, and by assisting their committees in the study of problems of coordination.

g. (1) Detailed coordination in Washington has been developed through a clearing house arrangement, which has handled an increasing load monthly since February. The agencies' requests are coordinated and appropriate file search in Washington is assured before a field collection mission is assigned. Of the more than 500 collection projects currently active, some are exceptionally comprehensive. For example, a group of eight constitutes the program to solve the national requirements for information on nuclear energy activities of the USSR. Involving all member departments as well as CIG operating offices, these eight projects actually comprise several hundred separate collection tasks ranging from biographical questions to difficult technical requirements concerning raw materials and scientific processes. Appropriate procedures to assure security control of field reports have been established.

4. Under a recently started system, intelligence information is being collected as a by-product from various international conferences. (Current

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examples are the International Conference of Journalists, and Conference of World Federation of Trade Unions, in Prague.) Suitable U.S. observers are briefed on the needs of authorized intelligence agencies, and arrangements have been made for disseminating the useful information collected.

3. Coordination of Dissemination. a. Since February, the Reading Center has been developed to provide increasing dissemination service to all authorized agencies. It processes 8,000 documents a month, reviewing the daily intake from all intelligence agencies of the Government to assure where possible that each item is available to every agency having proper need for it. OGD has recently added the Military Liaison Committee of the Atomic Energy Commission to the distribution list for the OIG Daily and Weekly Summaries, and OIG Special Evaluations, Intelligence Studies and Situation Reports. The newly started series of OIG Situation Reports, providing encyclopedic intelligence, is being widely disseminated in accordance with agency needs (66 copies to State, 51 to War, 49 to AAF, and 54 to Navy). The average number of separate intelligence items disseminated monthly to each IAD agency has increased from about 150 a month in February to about 750 a month currently.

II. Present situations, problems, and immediate prospects.

1. Collection. Through operating experience, OGD is aware of gaps in the overt field collection coverage of the Government, both as to countries and as to categories of subject matter. Corrective action will offer many difficulties in the face of budget cuts and personnel reduction. Action has been initiated* to survey the overt coverage of the departmental reporting services. It will probably reveal serious deficiencies in capabilities for collection of foreign scientific intelligence information, particularly on the USSR and satellites.

*Note for Director: Recommended action has gone from OGD to ICAPS.

Responsibility under this subject is now divided. The fact that no agency can be held firmly responsible for field ~~as~~ collection of foreign scientific intelligence is almost certainly a factor hindering the development of adequate coverage, and is expected to be the subject of a recommendation leading to corrective action.

2. Dissemination. Perfect coordination of dissemination would assure that every item of intelligence material relating to national security goes to every agency requiring it. OIG is endeavoring to approach this ideal, but there are serious hindrances as follows: (1) Flow of material is impeded by inadequacy of reproduction facilities; (2) dissemination is not sufficiently centralized; (3) difficulty is introduced by varying interpretations of an undefined "third agency rule," which implies generally that any agency's consent is required before its material can be disseminated to another agency. To meet these problems, a plan for an inter-departmental reading panel has been presented informally to member agencies for consideration. The ultimate solution to the dissemination problem will probably require the establishment of an inter-departmental reading panel, backed by strong reproduction facilities; and uncertainties incident to the "third agency rule" will have to be eliminated. Elements of these problems will probably come to NIA attention in the near future.

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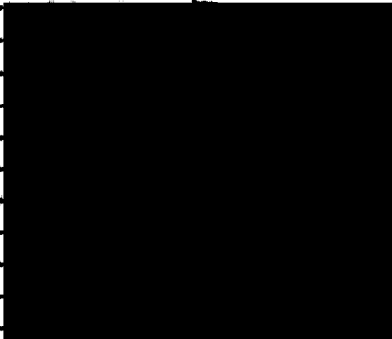
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